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Raptor Book Authors to Speak at Fall Meeting

A soaring dot, high in the sky reveals little to many birders. In fact, even just spotting raptors is sometimes a chore. Help is on the way at our Hawk Watch Weekend!

Mark your calendars now for the weekend of Sept. 25-27, for the fall Carolina Bird Club meeting in Elkin, NC, where we'll have the opportunity to both see and hear about the migrating birds of prey that pass through the North Carolina mountains.

"How to Spot Hawks and Eagles" will be the theme of the upcoming fall meeting. Our speakers for Friday evening will be Clay and Patricia Sutton, authors of a book by the same title. The Suttons also have published a similar title, *How to Spot an Owl*, which will be their topic for the Saturday evening program.

Field trips for the weekend will cover a variety of habitats, but the focus will be on places where we can spot migrating hawks. Several trips will be to good sites along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Other excursions will go into the highlands of nearby Virginia, and to reliable spots in North Carolina such as Pilot Mountain. **James Coman III** and other members of the newly organized Blue Ridge Birders will be assisting in planning and leading field trips.

If there is enough interest, some birders also will be able to look for migrants while canoeing the New River. Canoe rentals are available on a first-come basis for those without a boat. Contact **Dennis Burnette** at 336-299-4342 (voice), 336-294-9697 (fax), or burnetted@aol.com by e-mail to get on the canoe trip list.

Canoeing may not be the best way to spot a hawk, but there will be plenty of

other opportunities see and learn about raptors during the weekend. One of our speakers for Friday night, Clay Sutton, is an expert on raptor identification. Clay is a naturalist and the co-author of *Hawks in Flight, The Field Identification of North American Migrant Raptors* and the National Audubon Society Pocket Guide, *North American Birds of Prey*.

Clay's wife, Patricia Sutton, co-authored both *How to Spot Hawks and Eagles* and *How to Spot an Owl* with Clay. Also an expert on raptors, Pat is an accomplished naturalist, writer, and currently the Education Coordinator for the Cape May Bird Observatory, famed for its hawk migration studies.

Pat and Clay will talk about spotting owls on Saturday evening after the hawk-watching field trips. If the conditions are right, participants may take an owling excursion at the end of the evening program.

Headquarters for the Hawk Watch Weekend will be the Holiday Inn near Elkin in Jonesville just off I-77. For reservations, call 910-835-6000. Be sure to mention the Carolina Bird Club meeting to get our special rate of $49.00 (plus 6% tax). The rate is available for Thursday through Saturday nights.

Future Meeting Dates

Winter 1999: Nags Head, NC
January 29-31

Spring 1999: Charlotte, NC
April 23-25

Fall 1999: Charleston, SC
September 24-26

Winter 2000: Beaufort, SC
January 28-30

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A Variety of Mountain Birds and Weather

Heavy rains, sleet and snow, mixed in with a little sunshine, did not dampen the efforts of 254 registered participants at the spring meeting in Asheville, NC, and it was the second largest registration in CBC history. A total of 167 bird species were recorded during the 37 field trips that featured at least one leader and host on each outing. Among those birds seen were American Golden Plover, Warbling Vireo, Western Sandpiper, Caspian Tern, Peregrine Falcon, Common Loon, Yellow-throated Vireo, Short-billed Dowitcher, Upland Sandpiper, Blackpoll, Cerulean, Blue-winged and Golden-winged Warblers and American Bittern.

Simon Thompson gave an outstanding program on target birds of western North Carolina. The Northern Saw-whet Owl was the "featured" bird of the weekend as **Tim Milling**, graduate student at Appalachian State University led trips to the Devil's Courthouse area of the Parkway. High winds and rain did keep some of the late-night birders from hearing the call, but Thursday night's group had one come extremely close.

Saw-whet specialist **Dr. Matthew Rowe** from ASU presented a thrilling talk with slides on the owl's history, habitat, distribution and future here in the southern Appalachians. The audience was also treated to close-up looks at three live Saw-whets. These birds have been rehabilitated from injuries and are unable to return to their natural habitat. They are part of a special educational program for school children, and it was an opportunity for most of us to get our first look at a live bird from the mountains of North Carolina.

Socials were hosted by the **Elisha Mitchell Audubon Society** of Asheville and shade grown coffee from Counter Culture Coffee of Durham, NC, was served. **Fred Houk**, co-owner of Counter Culture gave a brief presentation Friday evening on the benefits for birds of shade grown coffee.. The registration room featured a book sale with books provided by CBC member **Peggy Lasher's** Common Grounds. Crafts made by native Central American Indians were on sale and educational displays were provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's **Hiliary Vincent**.

Dr. Matthew Rowe of Appalachian State University introduces a friend to CBC members at the spring meeting in Asheville, NC

Kathleen O'Grady of Columbia, SC, was elected Secretary of CBC at the spring meeting in Asheville, NC. Others elected were President-Bert Fisher, Durham, NC; Vice-President WNC-Charlotte Goedsche, Asheville, NC; Treasurer-Len Pardue, Asheville, NC; SC Member-at-Large-Van Atkins, Charleston, SC; ENC Member-at-Large-Lynne Barber, Raleigh, NC; WNC Member-at-Large-John Huggins, Pisgah Forest, NC

New Records Committees Appointed

The executive committee of the Carolina Bird Club has approved the appointment of new bird records committee chairmen by CBC president Bert Fisher. Chairman of the North Carolina records committee is **Simon R. B. Thompson** of Skyland, NC. Members of the committee recommended by the chairman and approved by the president and executive committee are: **Harry LeGrand, Jr.**, Raleigh, NC; **Ricky Davis**, Rocky Mount, NC; **Mike Tove**, Cary, NC; **Sam Cooper**, Wilmington, NC; **Eric Dean**, Goldsboro, NC; **Roger McNeill**, Kansas City, MO; **Henry Link**, Greensboro, NC; **Susan Campbell**, Whispering Pines, NC.

The chairman of the South Carolina committee is **Lex Glover**, Lugoff, SC. Members are: **Giff Beaton**, Marietta, GA; **Chris Marsh**, Conway, SC; **Taylor Piephoff**, Charlotte, NC; **Will Post**, Charleston, SC; **Simon Thompson**, Skyland, NC; **Peter Worthington**, Simpsonville, SC.

Use of Tryon Property Under Study

The members of the Carolina Bird Club will be asked to determine the future of approximately 77 acres of land owned by the club near Tryon, NC. The club's executive committee unanimously decided at the spring meeting in Asheville to ask members to choose among several options to be defined by the board later this year.

In a series of transactions beginning in 1965, the land was given to the club by Helen and Ralph Brown. While they placed no formal restrictions on the gift, Mrs. Brown expressed the wish that the land be maintained as a nature preserve in honor of her first husband, Robert Lee Shuford, Jr.

The land is in two mostly wooded tracts, separated by NC 1514 on the edge of Columbus, NC. In the 1990s, FENCE, an equestrian and nature group based in Tryon, proposed a joint venture to develop a nature center on the property. A CBC committee studied the matter and recommended conditions on use of the land which were unacceptable to FENCE. Thecommittee also recommendedthat the land be held as an investment for the future financial needs of the Club, and the executive committee agreed. A 1994 appraisal valued the land at $185,000.

On taking office as CBC president last year, Bert Fisher brought up the property's status for renewed consideration, and members of the executive committee visited the site last fall. Many of them at that time supported the idea of preserving the land as a sanctuary.

Following Mrs. Brown's death early this year, her son, Robert Shuford, renewed her request that the land be preserved as a sanctuary, and a group of CBC members this spring petitioned the executive committee to meet with representatives of the Pacolet Area Conservancy to discuss CBC's giving to the trust a permanent conservation easement to protect the land from development. Under such an arrangement, CBC would retain ownership of and responsibility for the property.

In response to the petition the executive committee voted not to sign a conservation easement with the Pacolet Area Conservancy at this time, but rather to develop options as planned and to put them before the membership for a decision. The committee developing options will be headed by Fisher and will include **Van Atkins** of Charleston, SC, **Lynn Barber** of Raleigh, NC, **John Huggins** of Pisgah Forest, NC, **John Wright** of Greenville, NC, **Len Pardue** of Asheville, NC, **Simon Thompson** of Skyland, NC, and **Martha Frederick** of Tryon, NC.

Articles in the Newsletter will inform members about the choices and voting procedures.

. . . *more* on Spring Meeting in Asheville

What does it take to be a CBC leader? A **CBC LEADER** hat! Just ask **John Wright** of Greenville, NC (L) and **John Huggins** of Asheville, NC (R).

Although the spring meeting at Asheville had the largest spring meeting attendance ever and the second largest attendance of all meetings, it was probably also the best organized meeting of the Carolina Bird Club. Under the leadership of John and Becky Huggins a committee of local birders created and maintained a Web site; planned, hosted and lead field trips; solicited door prizes; put together registration packets; organized book and crafts sales; and put together an outstanding program. Members were: **Harry** and **Mary Sherwood**, **Susan Mitchell**, **Simon Thompson**, **Len** and **Esther Pardue**, **Larry Farer**, **Jack** and **Dorothy Hudson**, **Jo Ann Martin**, **Ellen** and **Ira Weigley**, **Peggy Franklin** and **Jim Craig**.

Local businesses contributing door prizes were: A Day in the Country, BB Barns, Black Dome Mountain Sports, Briggs Garden Center, Common Ground Distributors, Community Mill, Compleat Naturalist, Diamond Brand Camping Center, Everything for the Birds, Feed-Seed Supply, FENCE, Fletcher Lawn and Garden, Fusco's Landscaping, Gallery Crafts, Goose Creek, Green Outdoors Nursery, Harris Ace Hardware, Home Depot, Jesse Israel Garden Center, Lowes,

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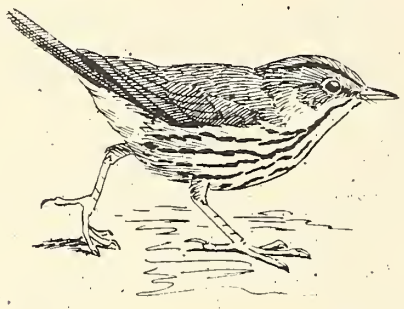
Backyard Birding

with Frances J. Nelson

May 8, 1998- Backyard birding is pretty lame this time because no one has shared any stories, sightings or anything else about birding in the backyard. And since we no longer live out in the country, our backyard is rather dull. We have had more birds than we thought we would because of the building going on around us, so we have been pleasantly surprised. however, we don't have the arrangement we had two years ago, so we can't sit out on the deck and study birds. We are rather lax in feeding the ones we do have because we are leaving in two weeks to spend the summer working (24 hours/week) in a National Forest campground in northwestern Pennsylvania. Perhaps we'll have more time for bird watching.

We did, though, have a few interesting birds. One morning in mid-March four Purple Finch males and one female were on the feeder in the front yard and stayed most of the day. That was a nice preview to the House Finches which I am sure will be around the neighborhood this summer. In the afternoon, a goldfinch who was starting to get his summer plumage joined the Purple Finches. A week later the first cowbird showed up and a goldfinch in almost complete summer colors arrived.

Just down the road from us in someone else's backyard lies a nice pond that had been inhabited by ten or twelve Buffleheads most of the winter. On March 30, when I went by at 7:00 a.m. on



my way to work, the ducks were there; when CJ drove by at 10:30 a.m., the ducks were gone, and we haven't seen them since. About the same time we realized that the juncos were gone, too, or so we thought. We hadn't seen any for a few days, but on April 2, two stragglers were in a neighbor's yard. Two days later a flock of Cedar Waxwings came through but didn't stay long.

On April 21 we began hearing a Red-eyed Vireo. Although we've never seen the bird, we are counting it anyway because we are sure about the song. CJ also saw a hummer that day, but we aren't putting the feeder out because of our trip.

We got a taste of how we used to live when we visited **Dean** and **Claudia Pelczar** on April 25. They are CBC members, have our big dog and live about a mile from us at the flicker flies. That was a birder's paradise. We saw our first Indigo Buntings of the year, heard, then saw, a Summer Tanager, watched goldfinches and hummers flit around the feeders and listened to a distant Ovenbird. The most surprising were White-throated Sparrows--more than a couple--almost in their full breeding plumage. They were gorgeous, but aren't they here a little late? The Pelczars told us they have a resident Pileated Woodpecker, but we missed him that day. But just being able to sit on the deck and watch birds at feeders was nostalgic and wonderful.

The next day, our neighborhood Summer Tanager moved to our yard so that was a welcomed addition. Now we hear him "pitichucking" every morning first thing. However, our big day was May 6, when a Green Heron and several Chimney Swifts flew over the house and several Blue-gray Gnatcatchers moved into our trees. They made us think that our yard might not be so bad after all, but May 7 cinched it. We heard an Eastern Towhee and a Great Crested Flycatcher. Just to entice us a little more, today while I was busy working on my column, CJ hear a quail, an Indigo Bunting and a cuckoo, which his mother call a rain crow in Oklahoma. We may like it here in spite of the close quarters.

We're leaving on the twentieth for Pennsylvania, but our mail will be forwarded. For now snail mail will have to suffice: *2061 Ferbow Street, Creedmoor, NC 27522* because we aren't sure e-mail will be available. Have a birdy summer. *Frances*

Specimens for New Museum Exhibits

The North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences hopes to acquire through a *salvage* procedure some of the specimens needed in creating the intended exhibits in the new museum now under construction in Raleigh. The following guidelines must be followed when acquiring these salvaged specimens (animals dead or mortally injured through no intentional action of the finder):

1) The Museum holds a permit authorizing the salvage of fauna under the jurisdiction of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. A non-staff person who finds a dead animal that might be salvageable should contact the Museum for further instructions. **Dusty Wescott (919-733-7405, ext. 413)** is the person at the Museum in charge of handling these acquisitions.

2) The person donating the specimen should sign an accession form or receipt and should clearly document his/her name, address and phone number.

Spring Meeting continued . . .

Mountain Home Nursery, Raymond's Garden Center, Reems Creek Valley Nursery, Southern States (Asheville and Naples), True Value Hardware, Valley Agri-Supply, Walker Hardware, Wild Birds Unlimited.

CBC Web Site

http://members.aol.com/cbirdclub

CBC Rare Bird Alert

(704) 332-BIRD

Your Backyard Birds: A breeding bird survey to which everyone can contribute.

The purpose of this form is to increase our knowledge of breeding bird distribution in North Carolina. Information gained from this effort will be incorporated into the Museum's database addressing bird distribution in the state. Maps compiled from these contributions will eventually be posted as distribution maps on the Museum's Web Page. Even a simple list of species present in your yard in June will be of help.

Name_____ **Telephone**_____

Address _____

Location _____

_____ **Size of Area** _____

Description of Habitat_____

_____

List species present in June or any behavior at other times that indicates local breeding. Please include nesting evidence if you see it.

Examples: Song Sparrow feeding begging fledglings-4 July 1997
Great Horned Owl on nest-18 February 1997
June:
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird, etc.

Return form to: David S. Lee
North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences
P.O. Box 29555, Raleigh, N.C. 27626

Carolina Bird Club, Inc.
Financial Report for Year Ending December 31, 1997

The CBC executive committee has decided to publish in the newsletter brief periodic reports on the club's finances.

Elsewhere on this page you will find a statement of the club's financial position as of the end of last year and a report on the club's financial activities for 1997. The board secured the services of a Certified Public Accountant specializing in non-profit organizations to review the club's financial picture and procedures. The statement and report resulted from the review.

The club's assets include about 77 acres of land near Tryon, NC, given to the club by Helen and Ralph Brown over a period of years beginning in 1965. An appraisal in 1994 valued the land at $185,000. (For more on the property, see an accompanying article.)

The club also has three endowments (values as of 12/31/97):

1. The *Birds of the Carolinas* endowment, valued at $19,268 ($6,413 representing accumulated income). Eloise F. Potter, James F. Parnell and Robert P. Teulings, the authors of *Birds of the Carolinas*, have donated a portion of royalties from sales of the book to CBC. Half of those yearly contributions go to the club's General Endowment, and half go to the BOC endowment, income from which will provide financial aid to college students.

2. The General Endowment, valued at $40,419 ($5,232 representing accumulated income). Life membership dues and half of *Birds of the Carolinas* royalties received by CBC are placed in this endowment, income from which supports general operations.

3. The Haymaker Memorial Endowment, valued at $84,319 ($15,877 representing accumulated income). This endowment results from a bequest by Richard E. Haymaker in honor of his mother, Emma Vogelgesang Haymaker. Principal may be spent only to purchase land for a bird sanctuary; income may be spent as the executive committee decides.

The endowments have usually been placed in certificates of deposit or treasury bills, but the club's Finance Committee has been authorized to invest up to 75 percent of those endowments in conservative stock and fixed-income mutual funds. Finance Committee members are the treasurer (chair); Van Atkins of Charleston, SC; Lynn Barber of Raleigh, NC; Andrea Ceselski of Irmo, SC; CBC president Bert Fisher; Bob Holmes of New Bern,NC; and Ben Smith, of Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Anyone with questions about club finances should feel free to contact the treasurer or any member of the finance committee or executive committee.

-- Len Pardue, CBC treasurer
(828-254-7618; email:
eljeep@mindspring.com)

Carolina Bird Club, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 1997

Assets		
Cash	$	147,882
Receivable		750
Property - Sanctuary		185,000
Total assets	$	333,632
Liabilities and net assets		
Liabilities		
Deferred revenue	$	9,550
Total liabilities		9,550
Net assets		
Unrestricted		
Available for operations		16,185
Designated for sanctuary		185,000
Total unrestricted		201,185
Temporarily restricted		87,710
Permanently restricted		35,187
Total net assets		324,082
Total liabilities and net assets	$	333,632

Carolina Bird Club, Inc.
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and revenue				
Membership dues	$ 14,958	$ -	$ -	$ 14,958
Life membership dues	-	-	800	800
Meetings income	14,255	-	-	14,255
Sales	2,170	-	-	2,170
Contributions	-	-	39	39
Field trip income	810	-	-	810
Other income	1,040	-	-	1,040
Royalties	-	249	249	499
Interest	5,789	1,043	-	6,832
Total revenue	39,022	1,292	1,088	41,402
Expenses				
Program	30,134	-	-	30,134
Administrative and general	5,643	-	-	5,643
Total expenses	35,777	-	-	35,777
Increase in net assets	3,245	1,292	1,088	5,625
Net assets at beginning of year	197,940	86,418	34,099	318,457
Net assets at end of year	**$ 201,185**	**$ 87,710**	**$ 35,187**	**$ 324,082**

CBC Summer Field Trip

Shorebirding at Bird Shoal
Leader: John Fussell

Limit: 15 participants

August 8, 1998
Cost: $10 (+$8 for ferry)

Meet at 7:45 a.m. in Beaufort, NC at the Outer Banks Ferry dock. This is on Front Street, directly in front of the N.C. Maritime Museum. The trip will involve a short boat ride across the channel. **Please note:** there is an $8.00 fee payable at the ferry dock in addition to the $10.00 registration fee which is sent to CBC headquarters.

We will probably hike a distance of about two miles. Be prepared to wade through water that is mid-calf deep shortly after we arrive--high tide will peak about 9:30 a.m. Because of the distance we will hike, boots are discouraged and certainly not needed--the water will be quite warm.

We should see a good variety and number of those shorebird species that are typical of tidal habitats, such as Short-billed Dowitcher, Whimbrel, etc. One or two Marbled Godwits may have arrived by this date. Wilson's Plovers should be common; they often congregate here in August. We'll hope for a rarity like a Curlew Sandpiper or Long-billed Curlew.

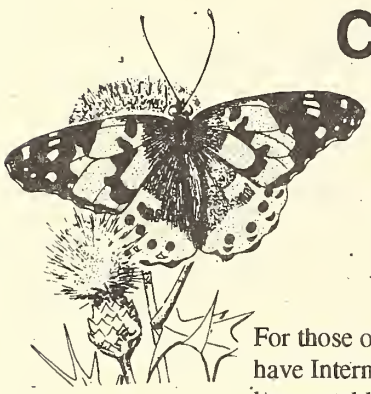
Expect to see a good diversity of terns--eight species are possible.

We will take the ferry back about noon, and the trip will officially end at that time. However, if the nearby Beaufort airport has recently been mowed, we will extend the trip to include a brief search for Upland Sandpipers. If the Eurasian Collared-Doves and White-winged Doves are still in Beaufort, we may make a brief search for them.

There are numerous motels in the Morehead City area. Be advised that lower rates are available at motels in towns that are somewhat inland from the coast, as Havelock and New Bern.

Registration: Call John Fussell at (919) 240-1046 to reserve space and for any additional information. Mail registration form with $10.00 fee to CBC Headquarters.

Carolina Butterfliers Online!



For those of you who have Internet access, I have established an online list server for discussing Carolinas "honorary birds" -- butterflies and moths. The name of this electronic mailing list is "carolinaleps", and it was patterned after Will Cooks "carolinabirds".

Many CBC members are already subscribers (subscription is free) and have contributed helpful comments on the distributions, flight times, first sightings of the season, and identification of butterflies as well as some excellent information about butterfly gardening and many other topics. Information about how to obtain a copy of the manuscript "Notes on the Butterflies of North Carolina, 5th Approximation", an excellent compendium of information by Harry LeGrand and Tom Howard, was posted to carolinaleps as soon as the manuscript was completed.

The list serves as a forum for butterfly enthusiasts or "butterfliers" to discuss all aspects of butterfly life in the Carolinas, including butterfly finding, butterfly identification, trip reports, butterfly counts, butterfly behavior, backyard butterflying, butterfly gardening, butterfly photography, and butterfly club information.

Although I expect most discussion on this list to be about butterflies, moth discussion is welcome also, hence the name "carolinaleps" (leps being short for lepidoptera, the scientific name for butterflies and moths as a taxonomic group). A more detailed "info file" will be automatically sent out to all who subscribe to the list.

TO SUBSCRIBE:

Send the message "subscribe carolinaleps" (without the quotation marks) to majordomo@acpub.duke.edu . You do not need to write anything in the subject line, and you do not need to "sign" your message. You will receive an automated confirmation, which includes an info file (save it!).

To post a message to the list, address it to: carolinaleps@acpub.duke.edu. The message will be automatically redirected to each person on the list by the Majordomo mailing list server.

If you have trouble getting on or off this list or other questions, send e-mail to <carolinaleps-owner@acpub.duke.edu> explaining the problem.

Carolinaleps was created on 29 September 1997 and currently (1 May 98) has about 70 subscribers.

Enjoy! . . . **Jeff Pippen,** listowner

Membership Application and Order Form

Name_____ Address_____
(If family membership, give name of each person included.)

City_____ State_____ Zip_____ Tel.. ( )_____ ( )_____
(home) (business)

E-mail address_____

Enter/Renew Membership As Indicated:

____Individual ($15)
____Family ($20)
____Student ($10)
____Library/Institution ($15)
____Affiliate Club ($20)
____Contributing ($35)
____Patron ($50)
____Life ($250)

Send Materials Indicated:

____CBC Cloth arm patch $2.00 ea.
____CBC Decals (vinyl stick-on) $2.00 ea., $1.75 ea. in quanity
____Checklists 10/$1.75, 25/$4.25, 50/$8.25, 75/$12, 100/$15

Make check payable to **Carolina Bird Club, Inc.** and mail to PO Box 2955, Raleigh, NC 27626-0555

Registration Form
CBC Summer Field Trip

Name(s)_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Telephone ( )_____ (day) ( )_____ (evening) Enclosed is my check in the amount of $_____ for _____ participants in the **Shorebirding at Bird Shoal** field trip ($10.00 each). I have called the trip leader to ensure that space is available.

Make check payable to **Carolina Bird Club, Inc.** and mail to PO Box 29555, Raleigh, NC 27626-0555

Holiday Inn Reservation Form
Carolina Bird Club Fall Meeting, September 25-37, 1998

Name_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Telephone Number during day (_____) _____ Telephone during evening (_____) _____

Please reserve _____ room(s) for _____occupants. Arrival _____ Departure _____. My check for the first night's lodging is enclosed. Room rate: $49.00 plus 6% tax (1-4 occupants)

Mail with deposit to **Holiday Inn of Jonesville/Elkin, P.O. Box 66, Jonesville, NC 28642** or call **(910) 835-6000** for reservations. Mention that you are requesting reservations for the Carolina Bird Club meeting.

Registration Form
CBC Fall Meeting, September 25-27, 1998

Name(s)_____
(list each name for name tags)

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Telephone (_____) _____ (day) (_____) _____ (evening)

Enclosed is my check in the amount of $_____ for ____member registrations at $6 each and ____nonmember registrations at $7 each. Registration at the meeting is $10 for members and $11 for nonmembers.

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Welcome New Members

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Pfafftown, NC

Russell P. Bradlaw
Swannanoa, NC

Laura & Steve Burrows
Raleigh, NC

Steve & Elizabeth Ellis
Gastonia, NC

Pamela L. Fandrich
Savannah, GA

Kaye Fenlon
Central, SC

James Gibbons
New Bern, NC

Bill & Eileen Guptill
Charleston, SC

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Weaverville, NC

Joyce & Randy McCurchy
Winston-Salem, NC

Joseph Austin Nielsen
Staten Island, NY

Steve & Elizabeth Smith
Myrtle Beach, SC

Deceased

Annie W. Bristow
Columbia, SC

Least Tern Nesting Survey in SC

During May the South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources will be conducting a state wide survey and census of Least Tern nesting. Biologists are particularly interested in rooftop nesting sites which support a large proportion (75%) of the state's nesting and are difficult to locate through traditional survey techniques. In the past, many important nesting sites have been located through tips from the birding community.

If you see or hear Least Terns in the vicinity of a flat-roofed building (grocery store, K-Mart, ect.) in SC, please contact **Mark Dodd** at (843) 546-3226 or by e-mail at mdodd@pop.scdnr.state.sc.us.

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